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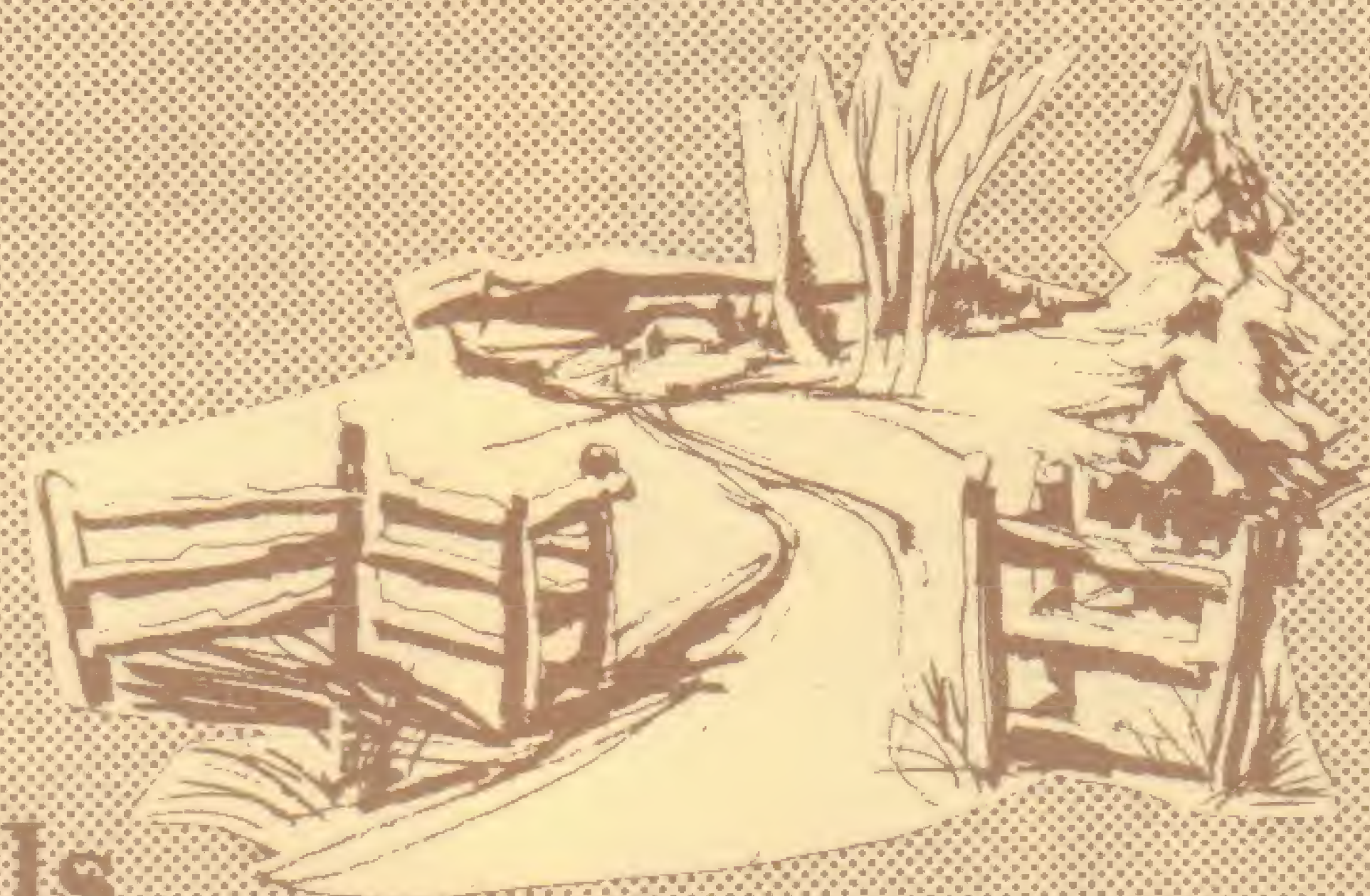
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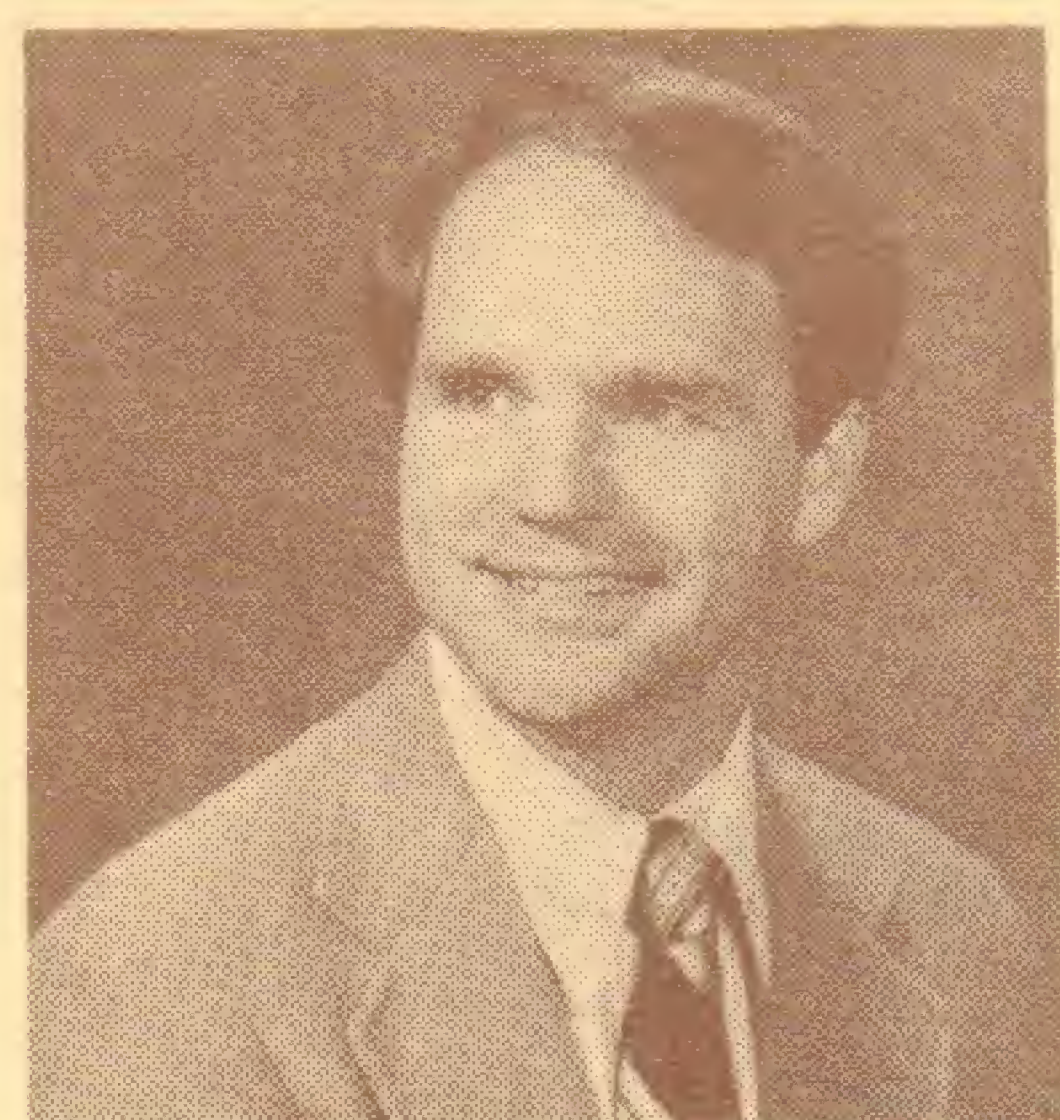
AJCCA CONVENTION '82

April 15-16 Birmingham

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- Overview of Activities



President's Message



DR. MARSHALL SMITH
AJCCA PRESIDENT
Dean of the College

John C. Calhoun State Community College

Your Association recently published its annual fact sheet. Copies are now being distributed to member institutions and to members of the Executive Committee. I was struck as I checked over it by the scope of our two-year system in Alabama. Over 42,000 students are enrolled in the system, and they are taught by almost 1,000 full-time faculty members. Our overall enrollment constituted 23.1% of the total headcount in Alabama's public colleges and universities. Another significant fact found in our information literature was that our enrollments have increased 203% over a twelve year period, beginning in 1969. Approximately one-half of the freshmen enrolled in state-supported higher education in this state attended our institutions.

Our statistics as an employer are impressive as well. The system had 940 full-time and 627 part-time faculty members during the 1980-81 year. In addition, 506 persons were employed in instructional

support: librarians, counselors, and other student services. During that year, the system had 2,140 full-time employees.

Faculty members are well-prepared, according to our data. Of the 940 full-time total reported, 124 hold an earned, in-field doctorate, 194 hold master's degrees plus 60 or more hours, and 258 have at least thirty hours above the master's degree. Only 42 do not hold a master's degree, and these individuals are all in creative or applied fields.

This data tells an interesting story for AJCCA as well. Think of the success of our annual conference if two-thirds of the professional and support people attended! I would like to see at least 1,200 active and enthusiastic Association members in Birmingham on April 15 and 16. I know that the commissions and interest groups are preparing interesting, professional programs for the membership. It will be wasted without the involvement of each of you. Please make your plans now. Information appears in this issue of the newsletter which will enable you to register for the conference and to reserve a room in the hotel of your choice. Please return the conference registration form with your \$20 directly to Gene Brannon at Wallace-Dot-han. Return the hotel reservation card of your choice to the address shown. Please note that the card for the Hilton requires no stamp, but that the Holiday Inn card does. *Remember:* early registrants will have opportunities to win more and better door prizes.

I've said it before but I will say it again: your Association needs you in Birmingham on April 15 and 16. See you there!

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- Meet AJCCA Commission Chairpersons
- Focus on Faculty
- Meet New Doctorates
- News about Administrators and Staff Persons
- Campus News and Notes
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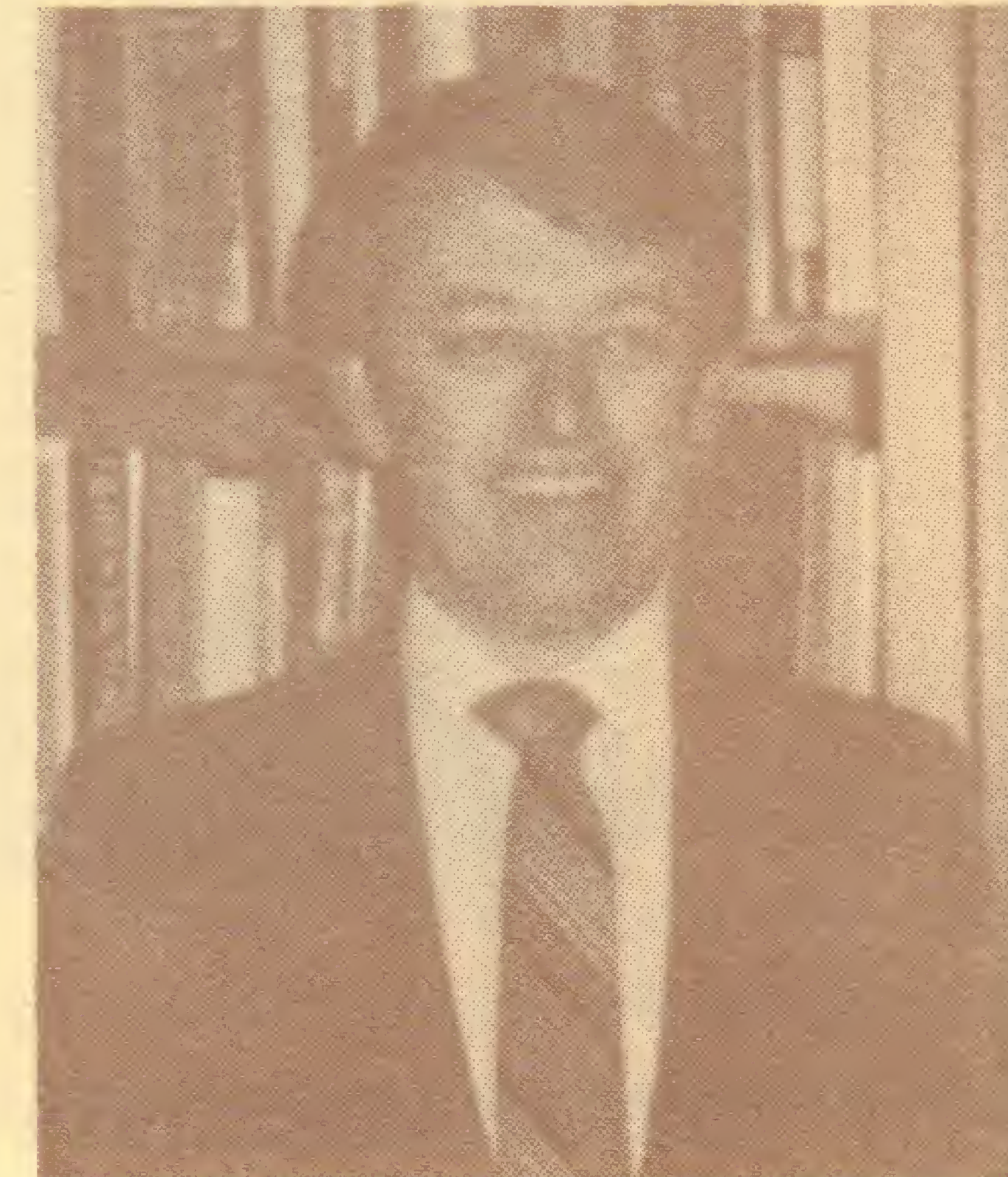
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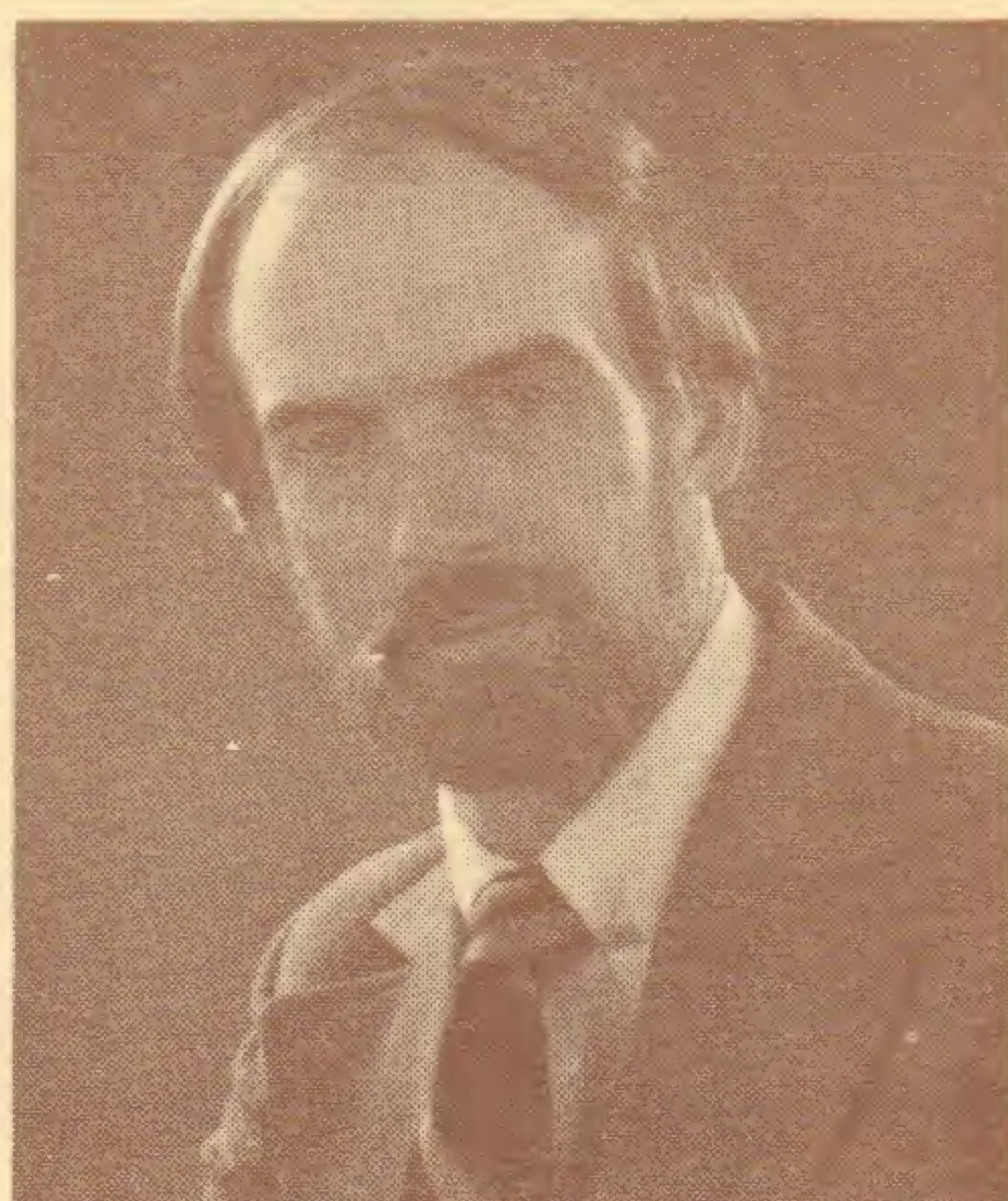


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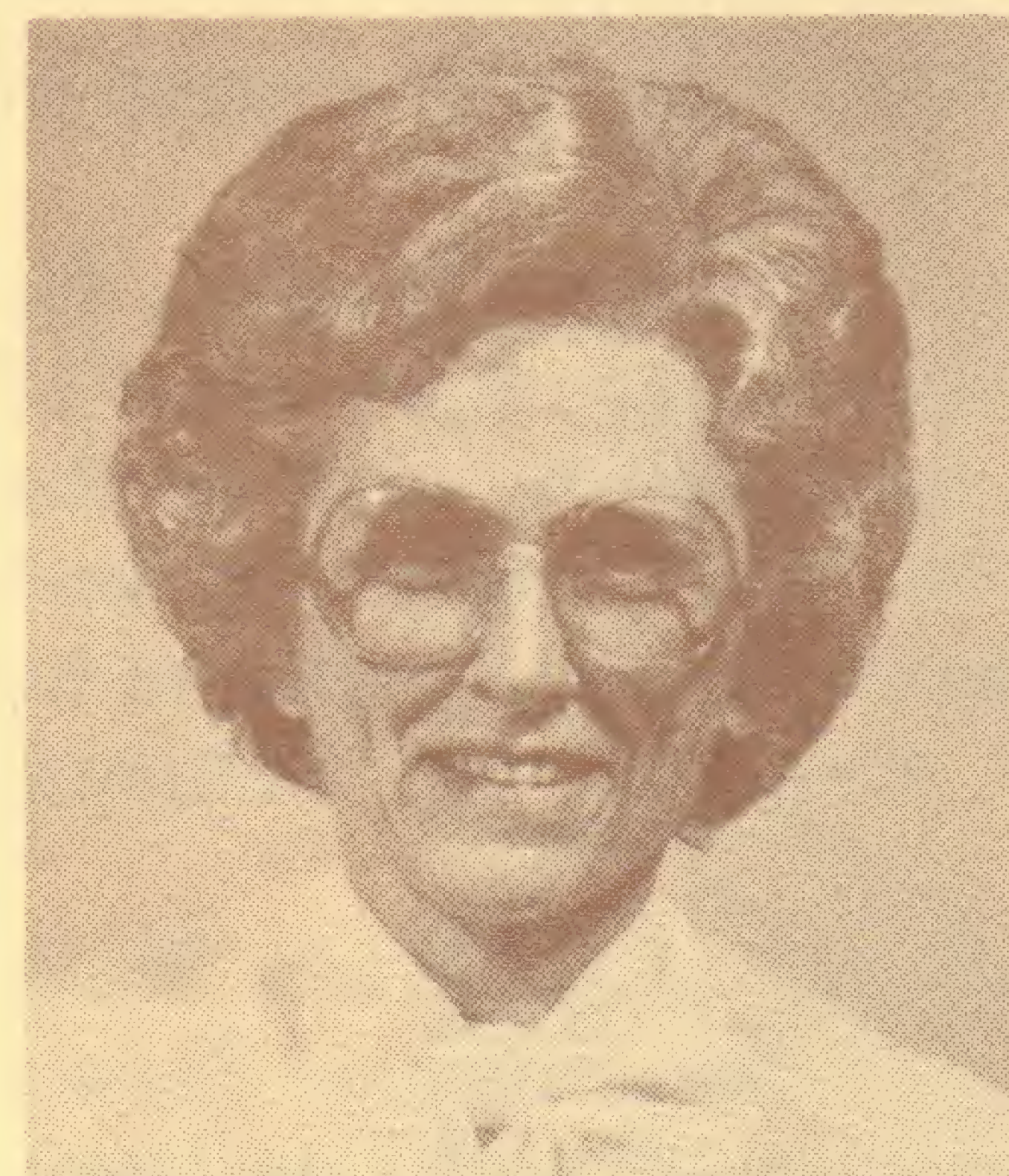
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Commission Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons (elected by AJCCA membership at convention) plan Commission programs and coordinate Interest Group Sessions. They serve as members of the AJCCA Executive Committee.

FOCUS ON FACULTY

DR. JO MARSHALL, JEFFERSON STATE INSTRUCTOR, CHOSEN "Leader for the 80s"



**Dr. Jo Marshall, English instructor
and Phi Theta Kappa sponsor**

Dr. Jo Marshall, instructor in the Division of Language Arts at Jefferson State Junior College, is one of 100 top women in management chosen nationwide to participate in "Leaders for the 80s." This leadership training program is designed to assist community college women to assume major policy-making positions during the decade.

During the 6-month project, participants will be paired with mentors at their colleges to work on a research project that will aid their institution, participate in special regional workshops and national conferences and become involved with other women in top-ranked administrative positions.

The project is sponsored by the League for Innovation in Community Colleges, a consortium of 17 community college districts nationwide, and by the American Association of Women in Community and Junior Colleges. The program is being conducted by the Maricopa Community Colleges in Phoenix, Arizona.

Dr. Marshall has been employed at Jefferson State since 1969. She serves as sponsor for Jefferson State's national award-winning Pi Pi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. In 1978 she was named the junior college honorary society's Most Distinguished Sponsor in the nation. In addition to her duties as local sponsor, Dr. Marshall currently serves as Regional Advisor for the Alabama Region of Phi Theta Kappa.

Dr. Marshall received her Ph.D from The University of Alabama in 1978. Since finishing her dissertation on William Faulkner, Dr. Marshall has made

presentations to colleges and universities around the state and nation lecturing on William Faulkner and his writing with Faulkner's nephew Jimmy Faulkner, a resident of Oxford, Mississippi.



JORDAN RUNS



The president-elect of AJCCA is a runner. And she has some 25 trophies to prove it.

Dr. Joanne Jordan, Director of Extended-Day Program at Southern Union State Junior College who will take over in April as AJCCA president, started running four years ago. She usually runs five or six days each week--rain or shine--for a total of some 30-35 miles every week.

Her husband, Dr. Bennett Jordan,, is also on the faculty at SUSJC and has been running for almost 15 years. His encouragement plus Joanne's concern about weight and general health finally got her interested in joining Bennett for his road running. Now they are a familiar pair on streets and roads in and around Wadley as they get in their almost daily runs together.

The benefits? Joanne is quick to answer with "I feel great!" And she adds, "I have more energy, a low heart rate and blood pressure, and I'm sure it also helps my overall disposition."

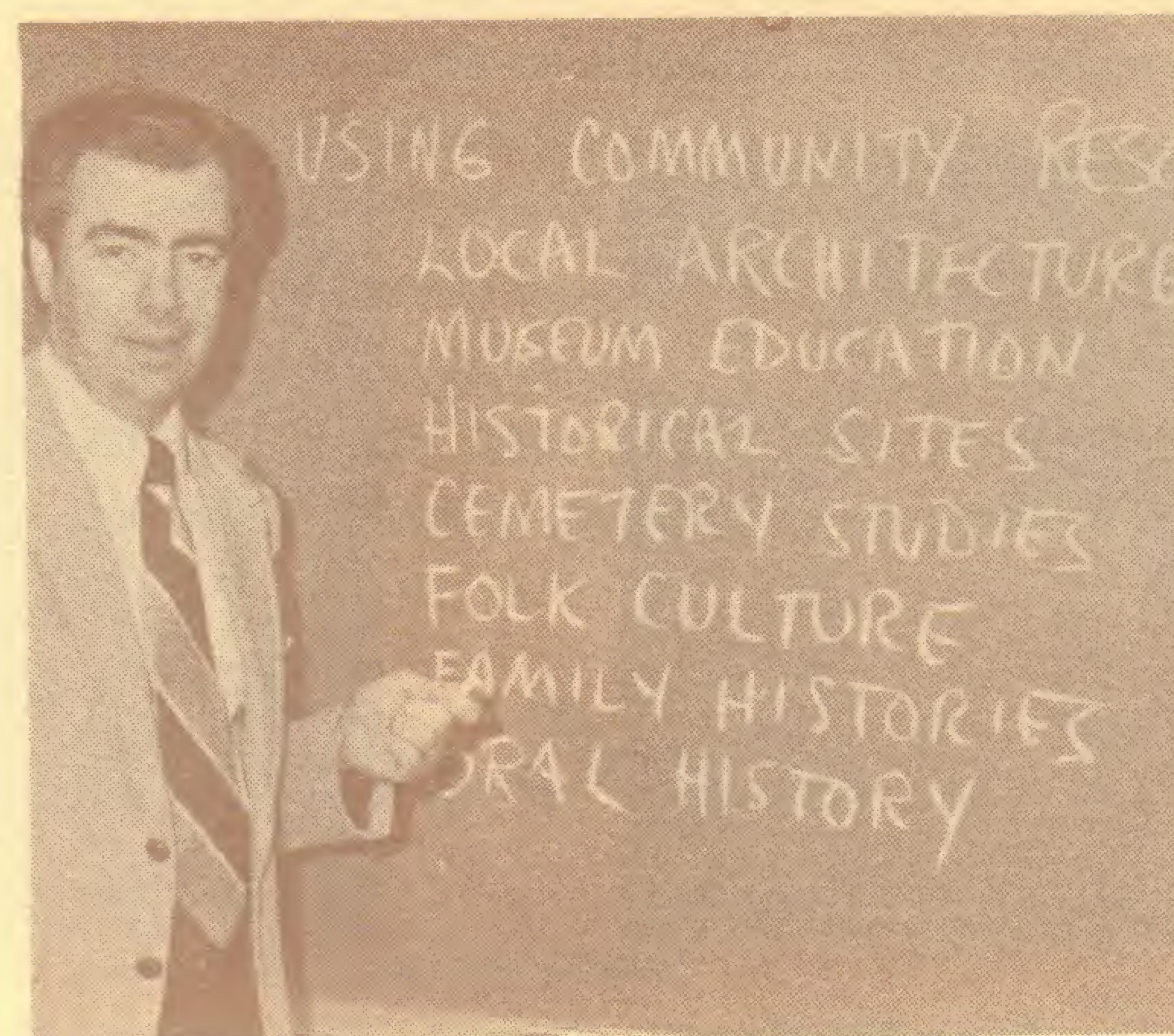
The Jordans have participated in many runs in both Alabama and Georgia--including one marathon of 26.2 miles (the Vulcan in Birmingham) in which Joanne won a 3rd place trophy in her age group. She has also won four trophies in four tries in the Vulcan Run (6.2 miles), two of the 1st place trophies, one 2nd and one 3rd.

Among the other recent runs they've participated in are the Atlanta Peachtree Road Race, the Valley's Chattahoochee River Run, Torch Run in Birmingham, Columbus Half Marathon, runs in LaGrange, Gadsden and several others in Alabama and Georgia.

Wolfskill in Humanities Project

Gary Wolfskill was accepted as a participant in the Mid-South Humanities Project, "Teaching With Community Heritage Resources." Wolfskill is the Chairperson of the Human Development and Social Sciences Division at Northwest Junior College. The project workshop was held in the restored 19th century buildings of the Old North Hull Historic District in Montgomery. Specialists in community heritage resources participating included consultants from the Smithsonian Institute, the Birmingham Historical Society, the Alabama Historical Commission, and the Committee for the Humanities in Alabama. These consultants gave instruction, suggestions, and examples of how to use museums, historical sites, portraits, photographs, objects, oral accounts and other community resources to enliven and strengthen the college social studies curriculum.

Wolfskill stated: "I came away from this conference convinced that I need to redirect my teaching emphasis toward successful student involvement in using local resources. It seems obvious that learning can become more meaningful when students are provided with learning situations which are related to their home cultural environment. When students actually experience an event or get actively involved in doing some activity, rather than sitting passively in the classroom, they will begin to understand their home community and develop a mature appreciation of the meaning of time and place and feel a sense of belonging that our present- and change-oriented culture is taking from us."



GARY WOLFSKILL
Northwest Junior College

Wilson and Bauer, Enterprise State Faculty, Present Paper at National Meeting



Dr. Linda Wilson



Ms. Mary Bauer

Dr. Linda Wilson, Director, Career Development Center and Job Placement, and Ms. Mary Bauer, Director, Community Services and Women's Center, represented Enterprise State Junior College at the 75th annual convention of the American Vocational Association held recently in Atlanta, Georgia. They presented a program entitled, "From Dependence to Independence: A Rural Junior College Response to Adult Women." Over 6,500 vocational educators from across the nation attended the convention.

CVCC Instructors Present Seminar Program



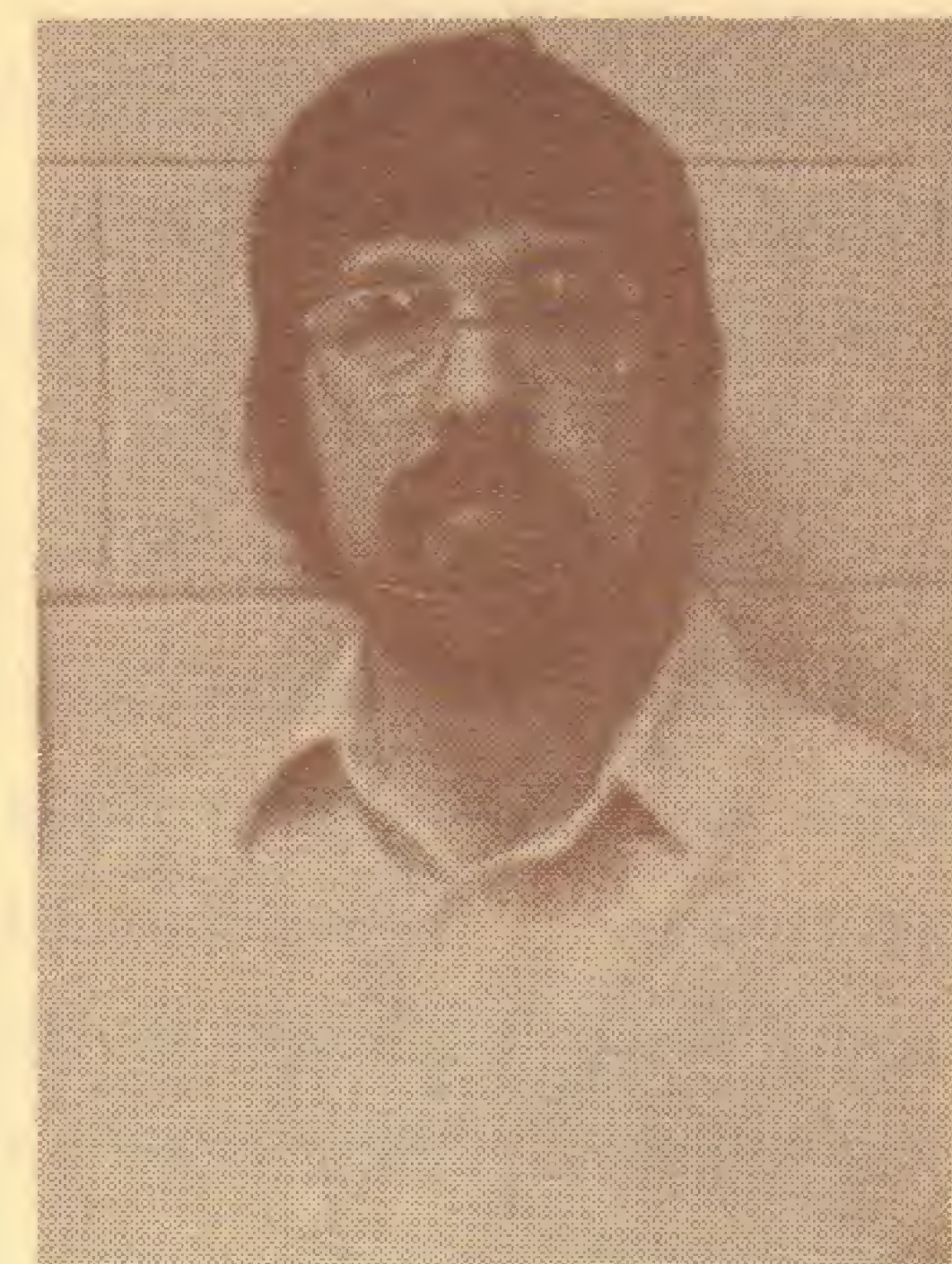
Dr. Joan Williams



Dr. Susan Walker



Mrs. Ann Messner



Mr. Mike Williams

Four Chattahoochee Valley State Community College instructors recently presented a program entitled "An Integrated Approach for Teaching Reading, Writing, and Speaking Skills" as a part of the annual meeting of the Alabama Council on the Teaching of Composition. The ACTA meeting, held on January 29-30, 1982, at Auburn University, is held for teachers of communication skills on the elementary, secondary and college level.

The Chattahoochee Valley presenters, Dr. Joan Williams, Dr. Susan Walker, Mrs. Ann Messner, and Mr. Mike Williams, are all members of the Language Division who work within the developmental skills program. Their presentation at ACTC focused upon the relationship existing between skills taught in various communication courses and ways in which such skills may be used to reinforce each other.

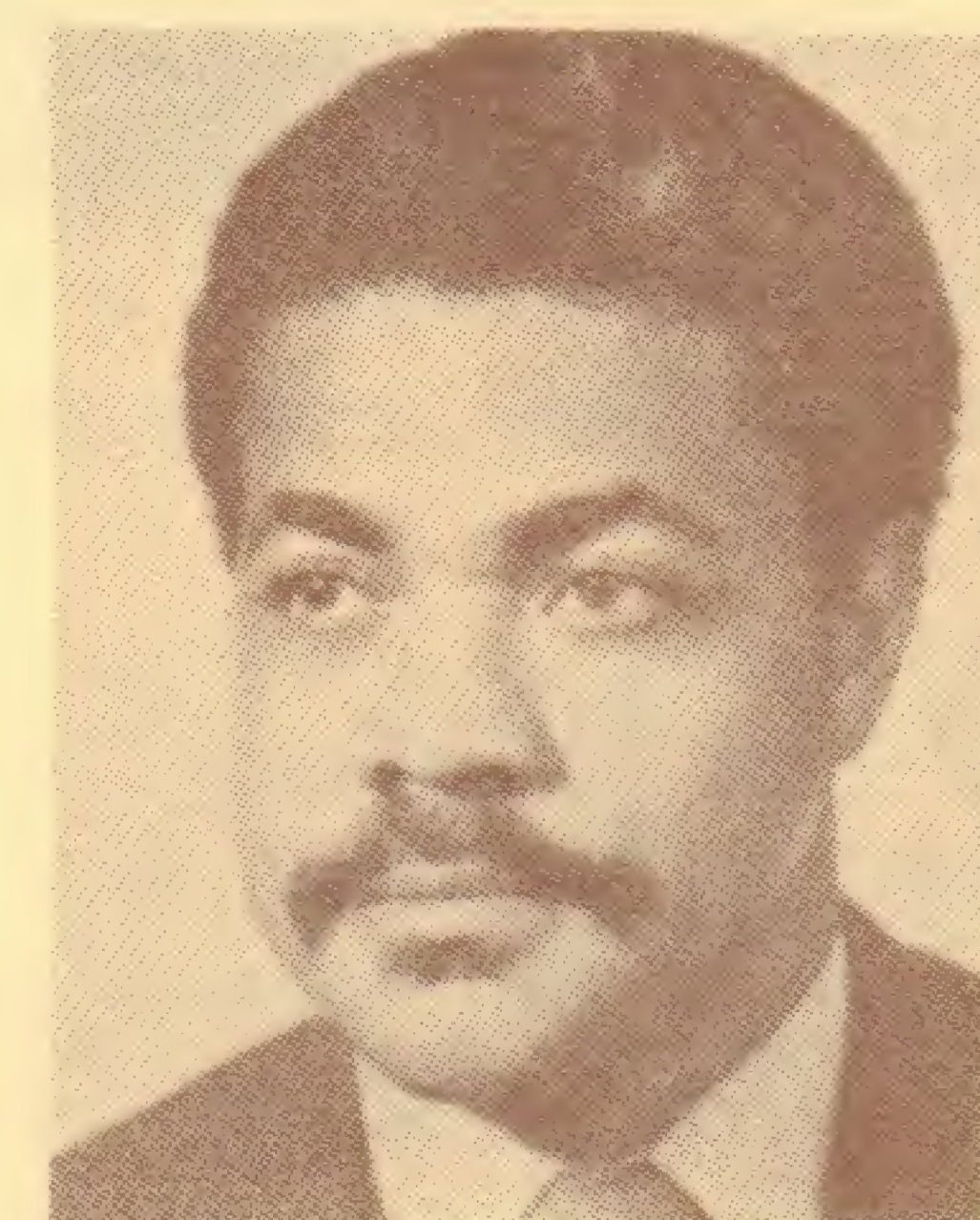
Congratulations to these Recent Graduates

Nelda Jordan Pugh, instructor of business and secretarial studies at Jefferson State, was awarded her Ed.D. from Nova University in September of 1981. Her dissertation topic was on educational needs of mature women in the JSJC service area. Dr. Pugh serves as sponsor to the campus student group Women on the Way, a service organization for re-entry students.



Paula Ballard, Acting Chairperson of the Department of Chemistry and Physics at JSJC, received her Ph.D. in December 1982 from The University of Alabama, Program in Educational Leadership. Her dissertation was entitled "*The Effect of Interdisciplinary Curricular Materials in Science and Mathematics on Student Achievement, Attitude, and Attrition.*"

Charles Henson, Assistant to the President at Bishop State Junior College, was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy Degree from Florida State University. Dr. Henson completed a study on the governance system of the two-year institutions in the State of Alabama. His particular areas of study were Institutional Research and Educational Administration.



Jeff State's Henderson Named "Coach of the Year"

Tom Henderson was named "Coach of the Year" for 1980-81 by the Alabama Gymnastics Coaches Association on October 17, 1981. Dr. Henderson was employed in the Division of Health, Recreation and Physical Education at Jefferson State in 1967 and was made Division Chairman in 1976. During the eight years the JSJC women's gymnastics team competed, it won two National Junior College Championships and ranked highly in four others. The team also produced many individual event National Champions, sixteen Junior College All-Americans, and one gymnast who was the individual National Junior College All-Around Champion. Dr. Henderson was awarded the honor once before in 1977. This year's award was especially gratifying since 1980-81 was the final year of competition for the JSJC women's gymnastics team.

Professional Association News

"Most Outstanding Student" Award Set for AJCCA Convention

The Deans of Students organization announces that the "Most Outstanding Student" Award will be presented as a part of the AJCCA Convention in Birmingham. Each Dean of Students from AJCCA institutions will be asked to nominate one student for the competition; included in the criteria for selection are scholastic achievement and service to the school. The competition is open to both men and women.

Each campus representative should submit a completed application form and transcript to Dr. Jim Krudop, Dean of Student Affairs at Lurleen B. Wallace State Junior College, no later than Wednesday, March 10. The winning candidate will receive a \$150 scholarship; two runners-up will receive \$75 scholarships.

The Deans of Students hope that the "Most Outstanding Student" Award competition and selection will provide a positive image of the Alabama junior/community college system.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE HUMANITIES ASSOCIATION ACTIVE IN ALABAMA

At the State Convention in Birmingham, information will be available to all Humanities' faculty concerning their participation in the Community College Humanities Association. CCHA has as its three-fold purposes (1) the creation of a visible body of humanists to make the case for the humanities within community colleges and to other institutions and groups that have an interest in higher education; (2) the establishment of a regular forum for the critical exchange of ideas and the communication of information on successful academic programs and significant developments in the humanities within community colleges; (3) the support of the professional work of teachers of the humanities in community colleges; and (4) the encouragement of intellectual and scholarly activity in the humanities.

CCHA activities include annual divisional meetings, publications (*The Community College Humanist* and a journal, *The Review and Proceedings of CCHA*), communications about newsworthy items and reports of successful curriculum programs in humanities education, cooperation with other organizations in nationwide promotion of the humanities, and a national office to coordinate the activities of the Association.

Those eligible for membership in CCHA include junior/community college faculty in the broad area known as humanities--English, history, philosophy, psychology, music, art, speech, drama, etc. Dr. Alice W. Villadsen, Chairperson of Humanities at John C. Calhoun State Community College, is the State Chair of CCHA. Please contact her (at 353-3102) for further information about the Community College Humanities Association.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE RESEARCH NETWORK TO BE FORMED

Following discussions over many months, Drs. Thomas Diener and Thomas Owings of the Institute of Higher Education Research and Services at The University of Alabama called a group of community college leaders together to explore ways to increase and enhance research efforts in Alabama two-year institutions. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss educational research at two-year institutions in Alabama, the role of institutional researchers and faculty in educational research at community colleges, and ways the Institute could assist in research networking among two-year institutions in Alabama and the Southeast.

"We're excited about the possibility of establishing a network of faculty and professional staff interested in and involved with community colleges in Alabama," Diener says. "The Institute has, for a number of years, assisted community colleges in a number of research projects, and we believe this research network will greatly enhance community college research in our state."

The group felt the Institute could assist in several ways; for example, serving as a liaison with community colleges to either assist in research activities or identify existing resources to support research activities. Additionally, Institute involvement might include coordinating mini-workshops on topics of keen importance to faculty and researchers at two-year colleges.

At the annual meeting of AJCCA, interested faculty and researchers are asked to meet with staff from the Institute to discuss the research network. The meeting will be announced in the program.

In the meantime, for further information, contact Dr. Thomas Diener/Dr. Thomas Owings, Institute of Higher Education Research and Services, The University of Alabama, P. O. Box 6293, University, AL 35486.

KENNEDY NEW PRESIDENT OF S. D. BISHOP STATE JUNIOR COLLEGE



President
Yvonne Kennedy

Yvonne Kennedy, Ph.D., was appointed President of S. D. Bishop State Junior College in Mobile on Wednesday, September 16, 1981, by the unanimous vote of the Alabama State Board of Education. Her appointment is historic in that she is the first Black woman in the State of Alabama to be named to such a post. Also, at 36 years, Dr. Kennedy is the youngest junior college president in the state.

Dr. Kennedy has served as the elected representative from District 103 to the Alabama House of Representatives since April 1979. In addition to her significant experience in politics, Dr. Kennedy has earned her Ph.D. from The University of Alabama, has been a classroom instructor, has gained esteem as a recipient of awards from several honor societies, and has served on the Boards of many civic, social, and educational organizations.

The membership of AJCCA salutes Dr. Yvonne Kennedy at the beginning of her significant presidency.



FAULKNER STATE HAS A NEW PRESIDENT

The Alabama State Board of Education recently appointed Dr. Gary L. Branch, former President of Brewer State Junior College in Fayette, as President of Faulkner State Junior College in Bay Minette. Prior to his experience in working with junior colleges, Dr. Branch was Dean of Enrollment and Counseling Services at Troy State University. He has had fifteen years of experience in higher education and is frequently called upon to serve as a consultant to other colleges and universities and offer assistance in the areas of high school relations, recruiting and student retention.

Now serving as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Alabama Junior and Community College President's Association, Dr. Branch received the Omicron Delta Kappa Distinguished Service Key, which is the highest national award presented by that national leadership honor society, in 1980. He was national editor of *The Circle*, the national news magazine of ODK, and for 1979-80, he was named Fayette County's Outstanding Young Man. He is an active Sunday School teacher, Deacon, and Lay Speaker for the Bay Minette Assembly of God Church. Dr. Branch and his wife,

Janis, have two children, Gary, Jr. and Tracey. The FSJC faculty and staff are proud to welcome Dr. Branch and his family to Bay Minette.



BECK TO LEAD SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES



Dr. Marilyn Beck

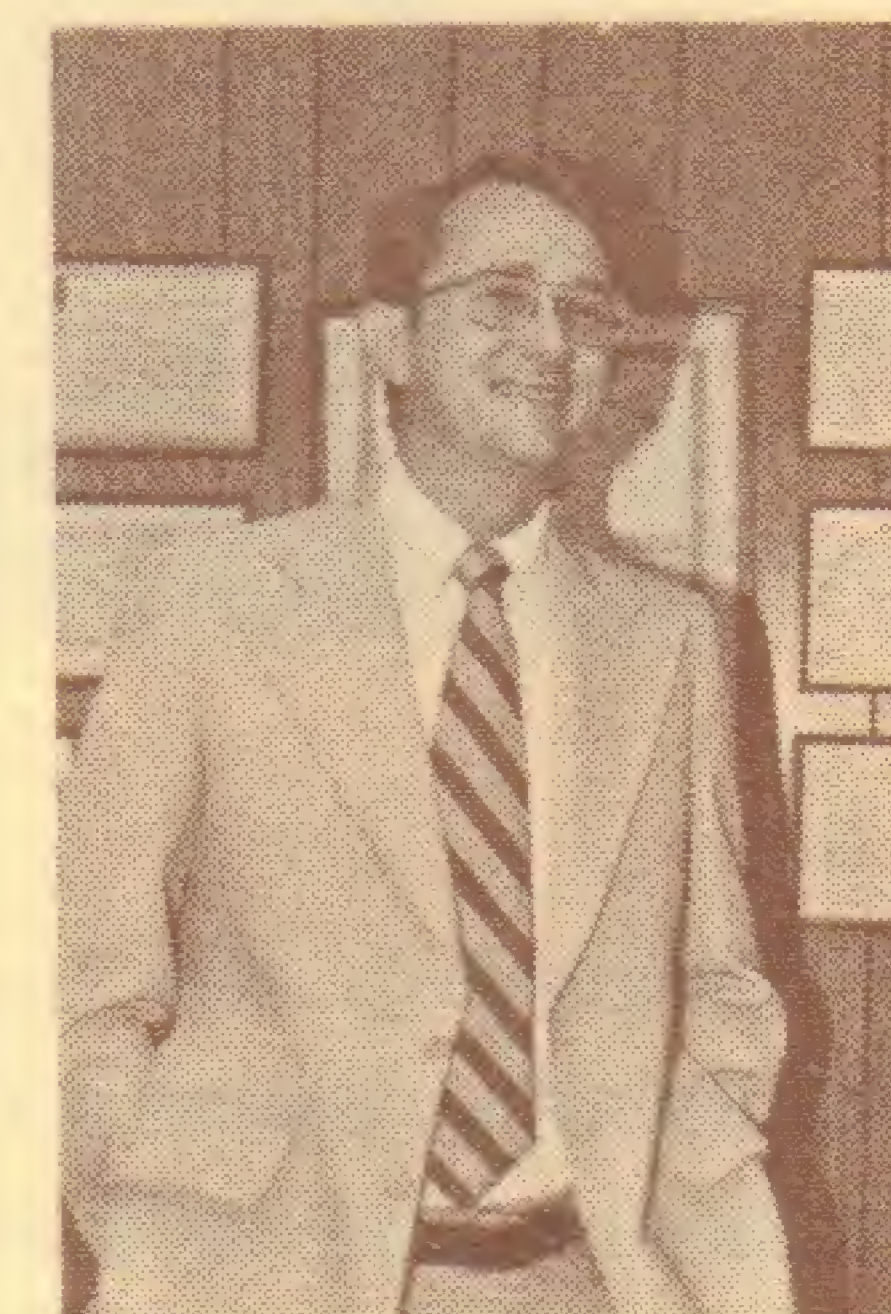
Dr. Marilyn C. Beck was elected president of the Southern Association Community and Junior Colleges at the annual meeting of the Southern Assembly of Colleges and Schools held in Dallas, Texas, December, 6 - 9. She is presently Dean of Academic Affairs at Lurleen B. Wallace

State Junior College, a position she has held since 1977. In addition to her duties at the college, she serves as a consultant to a number of junior and community colleges across the country.



KRUDOP APPOINTED TO BOARD

Dr. James D. Krudop, Dean of Student Affairs of Lurleen B. Wallace State Junior College, has been named to the advisory board of the UAB School of Community and Allied Health's Junior College/Regional Technical Institute Linkage program, according to Dr. Keith D. Blayney, Dean of SCAH.



Dr. James D. Krudop

Krudop expressed pleasure at his appointment and said, "I'm looking forward to serving on the board. I have always been interested in the Linkage program because it is a cooperative education effort between the state's junior colleges and UAB's Regional Technical Institute for Health Occupations. Many fine LBW students have transferred to UAB on this program.

A native Andalusian, Dr. Krudop joined the administration at LBW in 1978 after serving several years as director of School Relations at Birmingham-Southern College.

NEWS AND NOTES

Also appointed to the advisory board were Joe C. McCorquodale, Jr., Alabama's Speaker of the House of Representatives, Dr. George McCormick, President of Jefferson Davis State Junior College in Brewton; Dr. Arthur Howington, Dean of the Junior College Division of Shelton State Community College in Tuscaloosa; and Joe Hill, administrator of Chambers County Hospital in Lafayette.



CHARLIE W. BRITNELL, PRESIDENT AT NORTHWEST ALABAMA JUNIOR COLLEGE

Charlie Britnell was appointed as President of Northwest on May 1, 1981, to succeed retiring President James A. Glasgow. President Britnell was Director of Talent Search at Northwest at the time of his appointment, a position he had taken after previously serving as Chairperson of the Human Development and Social Science Division at Northwest. He has served in education throughout his professional career. Britnell earned his Bachelor's degree at David Lipscomb, and a Masters in Guidance and Counseling from North Texas State. He has post-graduate work both at The University of Alabama and the University of North Alabama in Higher Education.



President
Charles Britnell

Britnell is also currently the Alabama State Senator from District II and is a Church of Christ minister. He has been very active in civic, religious, and education organizations in northwest Alabama during his entire career and is presently a Director for the Muscle Shoals Regional Council on Aging. Britnell is a native of Franklin County, where Northwest Junior College is located. He and his wife, Sue, have four children.



ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS MADE AT JEFF STATE

Amyle F. Boykin was recently appointed program coordinator for the Jefferson State Urban Studies program. Dr. Boykin has been a sociology instructor at Jefferson State Junior College for ten years. She holds a master's degree from Atlanta University, is classified ABD for the Ph.D. in social work from the University of Pittsburg, and holds a Ph.D. from The University of Alabama.



Cathryn A. McDonald

Cathryn A. McDonald was recently appointed Chairman of the Division of Science at Jefferson State. Dr. McDonald has been an instructor in the Biology Department at JSJC since 1970. She earned her B.S. degree from Stephen F. Austin University and her Ph.D. in vertebrate zoology from Auburn University.

Dudley Guthrie has been appointed Acting Chairman of the Biology Department at Jefferson State Junior College. In addition to instructing biology classes, he serves as Director of the Jefferson State Museum of Natural History. Dr. Guthrie's B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. are in entomology from Auburn University.

Joe Morris has been appointed Chairman of the Division of Mathematics at Jefferson State. He has been employed at Jefferson State for twelve years, eight as an instructor and four as Department Chairman. Dr. Morris earned his B.S. degree from the University of Montevallo and his M.S. and Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Alabama.



Joe Morris

Bill Lankford has been named Chairman of the recently created Division of Athletics and Intramurals. This division was separated from the Division of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Athletics. Coach Lankford, who previously served as Athletic Director, will add intramurals to his athletic responsibilities. Employed at JSJC in 1966, the Coach has had many successful basketball seasons, highlighted by the 1980 team going to the rank of second in the nation. Coach Lankford received his B.S. from Samford University, M.A. and E.D.S. from the University of Alabama.

New Statistics Describe Alabama's Two-Year College System

AJCCA Publishes Updated Informational Brochure

Through the initiative of the Alabama Junior and Community College Association, there has been published an updated informational brochure describing junior and community college education in Alabama. Dr. Joanne Jordan, Vice President of AJCCA, coordinated the efforts to update statistics relating to the system. Portions of the data were provided by Postsecondary Education Services, Alabama State Department of Education. The brochure is designed for use as a public information tool by the AJCCA membership.

Included in the new brochure are these statistics which should be of interest to all junior/community college personnel:

- ... Fall enrollment for 1981 showed that 42,610 students were enrolled in Alabama's public two-year colleges.
- ... Within a 12 year period, Fall 1969 to Fall 1981, the enrollments in the community and junior colleges have increased 203%
- ... Approximately one-half of the total number of 1981 Fall freshmen enrolled in state supported two- and four-year colleges and universities were enrolled in Alabama community and junior colleges.
- ... Women made up 57.9% of the total headcount enrollment in community and junior colleges in Alabama, Fall 1981.
- ... During 1980-81, the Alabama community and junior college system employed 940 full-time and 627 part-time instructors. An additional 506 other individuals were employed in instructional support functions.
- ... Of the full time instructors in 1980-81, 124 hold earned doctorates, 194 master's degrees plus 60 or more hour, and 258 have 30 hours above the master's.
- ... All Alabama community and junior colleges are accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the regional accrediting agency.

GENERAL PROGRAM FORMAT

ANNUAL CONFERENCE - AJCCA - April 15-16, 1982

Thursday, April 15

Medical Center Holiday Inn

8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION

Mezzanine, Medical Center Holiday Inn

10:30 a.m. - noon

OPENING GENERAL SESSION

Ballroom, Medical Center Holiday Inn

Keynote Speaker, Other General Business

Noon - 1:30 p.m.

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

COMMISSION SESSIONS

Commission on Faculty

Commission on Administration

Commission on Students

Commission on Support Personnel

Formal Commission Meetings will be held in Medical Center Holiday Inn

3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

BREAK

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

BUSINESS SESSION

Ballroom, Medical Center Holiday Inn

Election of Officers, Other Business

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

CATERED RECEPTION

Ballroom, Birmingham Hilton

Reception will honor State Board members and other guests of the Association

7:00 p.m.

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

Friday, April 16

Birmingham Hilton

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

INTEREST GROUP SESSIONS I

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

BREAK

10:30 a.m. - Noon

INTEREST GROUP SESSIONS II

Noon

CONFERENCE ADJOURNED

EXHIBITIONS OF INTEREST TO AJCCA MEMBERS WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE BIRMINGHAM HILTON HOTEL BEGINNING AT NOON ON THURSDAY AND CONTINUING UNTIL CONFERENCE ADJOURNMENT ON FRIDAY.

COLLEGE NEWS & NOTES

GSJC INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM



Dr. Peggy Morrison (right), Coordinator for International Education at Pensacola Junior College recently completed an in-service training session at Gadsden State Junior College, with Mrs. Joyce Nelson (left), International Student Advisor at GSJC. Dr. Morrison received an in-service training grant from the National Association for Foreign Student Affairs in Washington, D.C. NAFSA chose Gadsden State as having a model international student program and assigned the visit to Gadsden State as part of the grant received by Dr. Morrison.

While on the Gadsden State campus, Dr. Morrison studied the areas of international student advising, English as a second language, admissions and records, the community program, and the international student.

At the conclusion of her visit to Gadsden State, Dr. Morrison said, "After working with Mrs. Nelson and her staff, I can certainly understand why NAFSA selected this program to be studied. The program here is so well organized and managed, it is truly a model program."

Along with her sessions with Mrs. Nelson, Dr. Morrison also talked with Dr. Arthur Dennis, President of GSJC; Mr. Ron Bagby, instructor in the Alabama Language Institute; Dr. Thomas Hughes, Director of the A L I Program; Mr. Jack Little, Registrar; and A L I staff members Mrs. Regina Evans and Mrs. Wanda Tomlin.

During the fall quarter, Gadsden State had 199 international students from 39 countries registered for classes. Across the country at this time, there are approximately 300,000 international students representing 121 countries, studying at 3,186 colleges and universities.

Paramedics Graduate at Southern Union

Three years ago Randolph County had no paramedics. That fact both bothered and challenged Brenda Jennings Beasley, an R.N. and EMT who now serves as director of Southern Union State Junior College's EMS (Emergency Medical Services) program, and Dr. Willis Israel, Medical Director of SUSJC's EMS program. The two Randolph County residents determined to correct that situation despite discouragement from several sources saying that small rural counties couldn't support such a program.

Their interest and efforts paid off, however. Through working with the State Commission on Higher Education and the East Alabama EMS, an Advanced Cardiac Life Support course was authorized to be taught by Gadsden State Junior College at Southern Union in Wadley as an off-campus course. This ACLS course is the third and final level of instruction for paramedic courses taught in the 11-county East Alabama EMS region.

Graduation exercises were held December 4 at Southern Union for the 17 new paramedics who successfully passed the two quarter (six months) course in ACLS. The graduates received two certificates--one for completing the ACLS course and one certifying them as paramedics.



Peggy Atkins, R.N., Campus Nurse (left) and students Debbie Duke and Rhonda Ryan are shown making plans for Calhoun Community College's annual Health Awareness Day for the college community and residents of the surrounding areas. The program is designed to make the participants aware of their physical conditions and offers a unique opportunity for a free health screening, health information, and health career information.

First Preliminary Competition for Academic Bowl

Shelton State Junior College hosted the first preliminary competition for the Junior College Academic Bowl in Tuscaloosa in November. Shelton State came in first, led by most valuable player Mark Power, over ten other junior colleges throughout the state.

George Wallace Junior College of Hanceville came in a strong second going undefeated until the championship round. Brewer State of Fayette also played well losing only one game by a small margin.

Gadsden State hosted the second round of preliminary competition among 13 junior colleges in December with George Wallace defeating Brewer State in the championship round.

The Alabama Junior College Academic Bowl will be held at the University of Alabama in Birmingham on March 31, 1982.

CALHOUN LPN FIRST IN STATE

James R. Chasteen, president of Calhoun Community College, announced that the institution's Licensed Practical Nursing Program (LPN) has been granted initial accreditation for 8 years by the National League for Nursing.

According to Dr. Rhoda Kirkpatrick, Calhoun's Chairperson for Health Sciences, Calhoun's program is the first in Alabama to be accredited. Kirkpatrick calls it a milestone for Health Services in the area. "Accreditation by the National League (for nursing) is an indication of the quality of the nursing instruction students receive at Calhoun."

Chasteen lauded the efforts of Dr. Kirkpatrick and the LPN instructors, Mrs. Peggy Holsonback, Mrs. Virginia King, Mrs. Rita Kyle and Mrs. Cornelia Beasley. "They are dedicated professionals. As a result of their efforts, the community served by Calhoun has had the benefit of competent practical nurses for many years."

Calhoun's LPN program was established in 1953. It is a 12-month technical college program which includes courses in nursing with practical patient care under the direct supervision of the technical nursing faculty. Practical nursing students must be graduates of an accredited high school or hold an equivalency certificate. Upon completion of the course, the graduate is eligible to write the State Board examination for Licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse.

Enterprise State Entertainers



The ESJC Entertainers, a group of eight lively and talented students at Enterprise State Junior College, were ambassadors for ESJC during the Christmas season. They sang at many Wiregrass locations during December. They performed during the day, evening, and were on television several times. They are from bottom left, clockwise: Robin Walden, Deana Craig, Denise Johnson, Jill Smith, Roy Martin, Bruce Collins, Tim Spencer, and Travis Perry. The group is directed by Patti McDurmort, ESJC Fine Arts instructor.

Memory Paintings of An Alabama Farm

"Memory Paintings of an Alabama Farm: Jessie Rhoads," an exhibit of 35 paintings by Jessie Dubose Rhoads, is currently on exhibit in the Shelton State library. These paintings depict the recollections of the youth of Jessie Rhoads in rural south Alabama and give long overdue recognition to one of the finest Southern Folk painters.

The exhibit is one of three scheduled to appear at Shelton State this year and is under the auspices of Southern Arts Federation of which the Alabama State Council on Arts and Humanities is a member and which is funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Return your registration
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Honor Choir Meets at Calhoun



Participants and planners of the annual Honor Choir Festival are (from left to right) Calhoun music students Dale Windsor and Shirley Stupia; Dr. Frances Brown, Gainesville, Georgia, guest conductor; Jim Hattaway, Greenville, Alabama, junior high student; and Dr. Frances Moss, chairperson, Calhoun music department.

The Department of Music of Calhoun Community College presented the fourth Alabama Honor Choir Festival in January at Decatur. The Honor Choir Festival is held each year for outstanding choral students throughout the state, grades 6 through 9.

Guest conductor for the 1982 Festival was Frances Brown, noted choral conductor, adjudicator, vocal soloist, organist, pianist, and clinician. More than 475 junior high school students participated in this year's Honor Choir Festival.



John Pate, emcee of the Los Angeles nightclub "The Comedy Store," and former GSJC drama student, spoke recently to Gadsden State Junior College drama classes. Pictured looking over Pate's scrapbook are (from left) drama students Meg Smith and John Chavers, John Pate and drama instructor Mitch DuPont.

Jump Rope for Heart at Shelton



Shelton State faculty member Cheree Causey manages a smile after a hard three hours of jumping rope for the winning team at the "Jump Rope for Heart" contest at Shelton State this fall.

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